

Mayor's Blue Ribbon Task Force for the Miami-Dade Library System
Library Funding Working Group
Ideas generated during the November 12, 2013 work session

(Blue denotes a consensus idea from a work table. Yellow denotes an idea that did not obtain consensus agreement from the table)

Library Staffing and Service Model		Funding Level – Reconcile with services		Funding Model – Funding Development strategies		Other	
Maintain operations consistent with accreditation standards	Develop new staffing models	Raise the millage	Set the millage rates at a level to adequately fund the Library services desired by the people of Miami-Dade County	Separate Tax District (maintain)	Adopt an independent library district like Alachua County	Take more time to workshop the ideas of the working group after the survey is complete	
Attain state standard for currency and number of materials at exemplary level (STD 77) 3 items in all formats	Tiered membership but still free (moving faster up the queue list)	Charge for meeting space and certain events	Meet at least the Florida Library Association standard of 90.6% local public funds of total library income	Retain separate taxing district	Maintain Rent model	Reinvigorate the Miami-Dade Public Library Advisory Board	
Meet the state recommendation for FTE's per 1,000 of population at the "enhanced" level (.5 FTE per 1,000)	Pursue inter-local agreements for joint use of space including libraries	Encourage small businesses to use space	County departments should compensate the libraries for using Library facilities (Elections, GSA, Training)	Enterprise funding	Lower rent. Library to GSA to \$1/yr. (maybe until prop values stabilize)	Abide by the terms of the contractual agreements which created the unified library district in 1971	
Restore hours of operation and staffing to 2009 levels	The Library system should always have no less than 10% reserves per year		Develop a more robust private and "other" fundraising program	Public notice of proposed millage rates 72 hours in advance of a board decision	Conduct a separate budget hearing for the library district		
Explore potential closure of underutilized libraries	Urge the state to work towards collective purchasing in view of cost reductions from vendors of e-materials and print			Implement an impact fee for new library services	Sales tax increase dedicated to libraries		
Develop attrition plan	Maintain the FLA standard for Librarians with Masters Degrees						